

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above mentioned application for United States Patent.

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DISCUSSION OF RELEVANCE

Enclosed are copies of the three references cited in the International Search Report for the Examiner's review.

Also enclosed are copies of two references cited in the corresponding
5 German application, in particular Stephen Packer et al., "Message Passing Supports Multiple Processor Design", Computer Design, June 15, 1984, pages 117-124, and G. Faerber, "Bussysteme" 2nd Edition, 1987, pages 16-19. Two further publications as cited and discussed in the introductory portion of the present application is also enclosed.

10 Favorable consideration of the present application in view of the enclosed prior art is hereby requested.

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